

# DANGEROUS FOODS FOR DOGS



## CANDY

Candy, gum, toothpaste, baked goods and some diet foods are sweetened with xylitol. It can cause your dog's blood sugar to drop and can also cause liver failure. Early symptoms include vomiting, lethargy, and coordination problems. Eventually, your dog may have seizures. Liver failure can happen within just a few days.

## AVOCADO

Avocado have something called persin. Too much of this is poisonous to dogs. Persin is in the leaves, seed and bark, as well as the fruit.



## ALCOHOL

Alcohol has the same effect on a dog's liver and brain that it has on people. But it takes a lot less to hurt your dog. Just a little beer, wine or liquor or food with alcohol can be bad. It can cause vomiting, diarrhea, coordination problems, breathing problems, coma, even death. The smaller the dog, the worse it can be.

## ONIONS + GARLIC

Keep onions and garlic away from your dog. They can be harmful in any form - raw, powdered, cooked or dehydrated. They can kill red blood cells, causing anemia. A rare small dose is probably okay. But eating a lot once or twice can cause poisoning. Look for signs like weakness, vomiting, and breathing problems.



## COFFEE + TEA

Give your dog toys if you want him to be perky but not caffeine. Caffeine can be fatal. Watch out for coffee and tea, even the beans and the grounds. Keep your dog away from cocoa, chocolate, colas, and energy drinks. Caffeine is also in some cold medicines and painkillers. You want to watch out for signs of restlessness, fast breathing, and muscle twitches.



## GRAPES + RAISINS

Neither grapes or raisins are good treats for your dog. They can cause kidney failure in dogs. Just a small amount can make them quite sick. Vomiting over and over is an early sign. Your dog could also get sluggish and or depressed.

## MILK

Milk and milk based products can cause diarrhea and other digestion problems for your dog. They can also trigger food allergies, which can cause him to itch. On a hot day, try an ice cube instead of ice cream.

## MACADAMIA NUTS

Keep your dog away from macadamia nuts and foods with macadamia nuts in them. Just six raw or roasted macadamia nuts can make a dog sick. Look for symptoms like muscle shakes, vomiting, high temperature, and weakness in the hind legs. Eating chocolate with the nuts will make symptoms worse, maybe even leading to death.

## CHOCOLATE

Most people know chocolate is bad for dogs. The problem in chocolate is the theobromine. It's in all kinds of chocolate, even white chocolate. The most dangerous types are dark chocolate and unsweetened bakers chocolate. It can cause a dog to vomit and have diarrhea. It can also cause heart problems, tremors, seizures, and death.

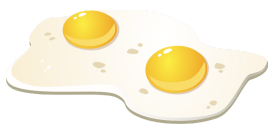


## FAT TRIMMINGS + BONES

Fat trimmed from meat, both cooked and uncooked, can cause pancreatitis in dogs. Even though it seems natural to 'give a dog a bone', he could choke on it. Cooked bones can splinter and block or cause cuts in your dog's digestive system.

## PEACHES

Persimmons, peaches, and plums can cause issues for your dog. The problems with these fruits is with the seeds. Seeds from persimmons can cause a blockage in a dog's small intestines. A blockage can also happen if a dog consumes the pit from a peach or a plum. Peach and plum pits contain cyanide, which is poisonous to people and dogs.



## RAW EGGS

Some people feed their dogs a raw diet. Some of these diets include raw eggs. Many veterinary medical associations do not believe that is a good idea. Raw eggs can cause food poisoning from bacteria such as E. Coli or salmonella.

## RAW MEAT + FISH

Like raw eggs, raw meat and fish can have bacteria that causes food poisoning. Some fish such as, salmon, trout, shad or sturgeon can also have a parasite that causes 'fish disease' or 'salmon poisoning disease'. It's treatable but the dog will require veterinary care right away. The first signs are vomiting, fever, and swollen lymph nodes. Fully cook the fish to kill all parasites.

## SALT

Feeding salty foods like pretzels and chips to your dog can make your dog seriously thirsty. That means a lot of trips outside and it could lead to sodium ion poisoning. Symptoms of too much salt include vomiting, diarrhea, depression, tremors, high temperature and seizures. It may even cause death.



## CITRUS

The stems, leaves, peels, fruit and seeds of citrus plants contain varying amounts of citric acid, essential oils that can cause irritation and possibly even central nervous system depression if ingested in significant amounts. Small doses, such as eating the fruit, are not likely to present problems beyond minor stomach upset.

## YEAST DOUGH

Yeast dough can rise and cause gas to accumulate in your pet's digestive system. This can be painful and can cause the stomach to bloat, and potentially twist, becoming a life threatening emergency. The yeast produce ethanol as a by-product and a dog ingesting raw bread dough can become drunk.